

# The "Daily Bonanza's" Page of Sporting Events

## BASEBALL GAMES VS. BULL FIGHTS

### NATIONAL GAME SUPERSEDES FAVORITE SPORT IN MEXICO.

Baseball is but five years old in Mexico, but it has had a most phenomenal growth, until now it threatens to replace the traditional bull fights. When a baseball game is scheduled in a Mexican city, the players are escorted to the grounds in surreys, hired at the rate of \$1.50 an hour, with a brass band leading the procession and shedding sweet strains while the game is in progress. After the game it is a common thing for enthusiastic fans to present the winners with "tips" of goodly size.

Salaries in the Mexican and Southwest leagues are always generous, and the great hospitality of the people, coupled with their tendency to voice their praise with gold pieces, makes the way of the popular ball player exceedingly pleasant. There is one great drawback to playing in this section of the country, however, and that is the fearful heat which frequently is to be found. If the baseball artist can overlook this one objection to playing in the southwest, he is assured of a salary of at least \$100 a month, clear of all expenses.

Two years ago, what is now the Moran team, made a tour of Mexico and the southwest states, and the enthusiasm developed for the great American game was very surprising to the members of the Los Angeles team, says the Los Angeles Times. Everywhere they were treated royally, and the up-to-date American uniforms, baseball outfits and style of play were the subject of much comment.

Manager Oscar Chavez plans to repeat this trip with a local amateur nine this year, and will leave next February with an aggregation of players, under the name of Tuft-Lyon, for a three months' tour. The trip is made in the spring in order to avoid the excessive heat of the usual baseball months.

To illustrate the hold which baseball has upon the population of Mexico, Manager Chavez tells a story of the last Moran invasion of that country. A game was played with the Hermosillo team on February 26, 1906, and a bullfight was scheduled for the same day, in which a famous Spanish matador was to be seen. General admission to the bullfight was 50 cents, while for the baseball game seats in the bleachers were worth 75 cents, a grandstand view cost \$1.25, and chairs were worth \$1.50. Eighty-four of the oldest residents witnessed the bullfight and 7000 fans attended the game. It is the same all over Mexico, when bullfighting and ball playing come into competition.

A letter received from Elmer Rieger yesterday shows that the interest is even stronger at Cananea this year. Rieger is playing on the Cananea team and writes that 3000 fans turned out for a recent game in that city, paying an admission fee of \$1. After the game Rieger was handed \$30 by a fan who admired his pitching. Cananea has defeated Tucson in four out of five games, the last time on July 15 by the score of 22 to 3. Today the team meets El Paso.

The games in Hermosillo were attended regularly by Gov. Iralva of Sonora, Gen. Torres, President Miller of the ten Sonora banks, and other notables of the capital city. Archivera, Treen, Monteverdi and Harry Smith, all bankers of Hermosillo, are the backers of the Sonora league. Last season the league was set back \$2400 by the season's playing, which sum Smith and Monteverdi paid to the complaining directors, which shows the brand of sportsmanship existent there.

Another league exists in the City of Mexico, headed by K. Knight, formerly of El Paso, and is in a prosperous condition, having made several thousand dollars last season.

Arturo Carrillo, manager of the Cananea team, has stated that he will win the Sonora league cup this year, even if he has to import a whole team from Los Angeles, at any expense. Rivalry is very keen between this team and the Las Prietas nine. Each has won the valuable trophy, valued at \$500, once in the two years it has been offered. To win it twice means to retain it permanently, and both teams will make a hard bid for it this year.

The route to be followed by Chavez and his team on the next tour of the southwest includes all the baseball cities in the region. The first games will be a series of three contests with the Tucson Grays. After leaving Tucson, a series of games will be played in Nogales and

the team will then cross the border and play at Santa Ana, Mex. A week will be passed in Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, and another seven days will be consumed in playing at Guaymas.

Las Prietas, formerly the home of the late Colonel Seymour, the great English sportsman of Mexico, will be the next town invaded. Here two exhibition matches will be played. After another week in Hermosillo, two games will be pulled off in Benson, Arizona.

From Arizona, the team will go to Albuquerque, where a series of one week will decide the championship of New Mexico. A week more will be spent in Juarez, across the border, and another in El Paso, after which the American players will enter the City of Mexico. Here they expect to meet the best talent in the City of Mexico four-team league, in a series of two weeks.

### Early Spring Tour.

When the local boys arrive at Hermosillo and have played through their second week, they will be joined by the team of that city on the journey on through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Old Mexico. The city of Hermosillo has raised money for its team, and the Los Angeles team will go as the guests of the Hermosillo players. Hermosillo will play for the championship of Mexico when the party reaches the capital.

By the time Chavez and his team reach Hermosillo reach a \$16,000 baseball park is to be erected, like the Chute park in Los Angeles. This enterprise is backed by Harry J. Smith, cashier of the Bank of Sonora. Chavez's team will present an exceptionally strong battery. Hoop and Hartman will be taken with Lucero, Marshall—now with the Alameda team—and Tom Whalen of local fame, and Andrade, the promising Santa Monica twirler. The catchers will be Snodgrass and Silva. The balance of the team will be composed of the Tufts' Lyon players, who will be accompanied by S. D. Tipton.

The manager of this team has been in baseball for five years, and believes that more can be accomplished by a bunch of men trained as a team, even if the men are not all of the best, than with a nine of all-stars, who have not been used to playing together.

Chavez makes the boast that he has won more championships than any other amateur manager. An enumeration of them shows that his team won the Arizona championship from the Tucson Grays, winning three straight games; the championship of New Mexico, by defeating the Albuquerque team, two out of three; the Mexican championship from Hermosillo, and by beating the Pierce, Arizona team, which had defeated the El Paso team, and the recognized champions of Texas. Before leaving on the tour the team had captured a trophy in the Southern California league.

### HUSTON AFTER PLAYERS.

Scouring Coast for First-Class Baseball Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Jack Huston, the official scout of the St. Louis National League club, is looking for good players on the Coast.

While talking on baseball Huston gave some information which will make the players sit up and take notice. He said: "The clubs are gradually getting rid of their left-handed stickers. There was a time when they wanted left handed batters. A player who could beat out short hits was the one who commanded the largest salary, but things have changed. Major league clubs are now scouting for young players who take the long swings. The clubs have found that these fast left handed stickers don't score the men on bases. What is desired is a hitter that will score a runner from second by a long single or a man from third on a long y. These so-called fast left handed batters don't do it, and this is why the clubs are replacing them with the heavy swingers. So many games are won nowadays by one run that any batter who can put a man over the plate is valuable."

### STANDING START UNFAIR.

Tricky Jockeys Get Away First in Standing Starts in Races.

VIENNA, Sept. 14.—Fred Taral, the premier jockey, says with regard to the "flat-footed" starting system that the alert jockey has a tremendous advantage over his slower opponents, as he is away and takes a good position before they have their mount fairly in motion, and they are then compelled to lay in behind or go the overland route. In short races the sluggish horse or slow beginner has no chance whatever with the fast breaker, while with the walk-up system they are all in motion and consequently their chances are more equal.

In the walking-up system there is also very little chance of a horse being left at the post, while with the standing start a horse is liable to swerve around at the last moment, thereby losing so much ground that he may as well have been left. When a slow beginner has an inside start number he is placed at an immense disadvantage, as the quick starters will move over to the rail and he is safely pocketed for the rest of the journey.

"I would prefer to ride with the flat-footed start," said Taral, "as I know that I have a decided advantage over a good many riders who are slow to get their mounts in motion. To get away well a horse must be kept continually on his toes, and this is very difficult to accomplish under the flat-footed system."

### LANKY BOB BROKE.

Fitzsimmons Finds Himself in Class With Improvident Fighters.

Another great fighter, who has won a fortune in the ring, now becomes an object of charity. Bob Fitzsimmons falls in line with Peter Jackson, George Dixon, Terry McGovern, John L. Sullivan, Peter Maher and other great ring generals who have fought their way to fame and poverty. He has been a first-class sucker all his life and now at the close of his fighting career he finds himself flat broke. Fitz spent little money on gin and gambling. He never was a high roller. On the contrary, he was domestic, being very fond of his family. What broke him was his kind friends did not touch him for went into bad investments. He lost money at nearly everything he touched. Now his friends through the country propose to give him a monster testimonial. Let it be a big success. Fitz was a great and an honest fighter. The world may never see another his equal in inches. He met his first defeat when he encountered the mighty Jeffries, who outweighed him at least fifty pounds.

Compare him to Nelson, who balked at fighting Gans because of a difference of two pounds or so in weight, which do you admire more? Would Fitz quibble over two pounds? It seems that certain Californians have in a measure distressed Fitz financially. In writing of his condition Bob Edgren says: "Major M.L., a California millionaire and politician, came to Fitzsimmons in a hurry a couple of years ago and asked for a hurried loan of \$2000. He explained that he had just come in from Europe, had a party of friends to entertain and was unable to get the money here quickly enough for his purpose. Fitz hustled out and raised the sum. The major never returned a cent.

"Another California acquaintance made Fritz a friendly visit a short time ago and went away with \$200, which he borrowed to take him on a trip to Chicago. This man has money, too, but he never thought of repaying the loan. Fitz has always been the easy mark for these grafters."

### INSPECTOR B. SOLD.

Great Turf Wonder Brings But a Measly \$15.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 14.—Taken away from the quarters where he passed many years of his life, where he has produced leading performers of each turf year and earned many thousands of dollars for his owner, Inspector B., noted racer and sire, has been sold in his old age for \$15. Milton Young has disposed of him to a farmer for that sum.

After winning the leading turf events of his three-year-old form and after having made his name known throughout the country for nearly a quarter of a century, the feeble old creature was turned away from the farm he served so long. Considerable feeling is expressed over the matter by many who think he was surely entitled to consideration after his years of money-earning for his owner.

As a contrast, The Bard, who ran second to Inspector B. in the Belmont stakes of 1886, was shipped to the Chester Brook farm by his owner, A. J. Cassatt, with orders that he receive the best of treatment until his death.

Twenty-one years ago Inspector B., then a three-year-old, was the eastern turf sensation of the year. He won in rapid succession the Belmont stakes, the Iroquois, the Lorillard, the Tidal, United States Hotel and the Travers stakes, and was second in several other noted events. He covered the mile and one-half course in the Lorillard stakes in 2:40 over a slow track, the fastest time in which the event had been run up to 1886.

In his turf career he defeated such well known horses as The Bard, Linden, Elkwood, Quito, Winifred, Silver Cloud and Rock and Rye, and won in his three-year-old form alone more than \$25,000—an immense sum for a horse to earn at a period when the huge purses of today were not given. In the Lorillard stake alone he won \$13,390. This was the richest stakes for three-year-olds in 1886.

His career in the stud was brilliant for many years, although he was limited to the choicest mares, and consequently did not produce so many offsprings as others of his time. He sired Endurance by Right, the best filly of her year, who in turn is now the dam of Stamina, the Whitney two-year-old which won the Double Event last week.

He also sired George F. Smith, one of the best sprinters of 1896 and a member of Tom Kiley's stable; Inspector Hunt and Inspector Meade, winners on many of the larger tracks of the country in the early '90s; Ike Pryor, Roundman, a frequent winner; Disproof and Interstate. Roundman was a noted horse of his day when racing in the colors of "Jim" Bennett.

Old Inspector B. has grown feeble of late and has been of little value in the stud. Many who recall the horse's performances, however, are of the opinion that he should have been allowed to pass his end in quiet instead of being sent away from the quarters he has occupied so long.

Difference in treatment is exemplified by the fashion in which A. J. Cassatt responded to a letter written him by his trainer, William Stelle, from the Melbourne farm in Kentucky last week. Stelle said The Bard was old and feeble and rapidly falling and suggested that, to prevent his acquiring any of the ailments of old age, he be killed painlessly.

Cassatt instantly sent a peremptory message in response: "The Bard was my father's favorite horse. Ship him at once to Chester Brook farm that he may die in his old stall. Treat him with all kindness."

### NEW CREWS ORGANIZE.

West Point and Washington Want to Enter Regatta Next Year.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—There is every prospect that West Point and the Washington university will have rows in the Poughkeepsie regatta next year. The soldiers are anxious to get into every branch of sport in which their rivals the navy, take part, and having been assured by Coach Courtney and other prominent water men that they could get enough work done to put them in shape if they spent even one whole hour a day in the boat, the West Pointers will now make serious effort to whip a crew into shape for the next race.

The Washington boys have been rowing for a couple of years and, having won the Western championship, are seeking new worlds to conquer. In response to a query as to what action would be taken if Washington wished to enter the race next year, one of the stewards said that the committee would be glad to invite the Westpointers if it had any assurance that a crew would be sent East.

C. S. Titus, the champion sculler, who is now living at Princeton, where he is working up interest in rowing, says that Princeton may be ready to enter the big Hudson river race in 1909. There is a great deal of opposition to the introduction of rowing in the New Jersey college by the managers of the other athletic teams because of the feeling that the teams would be drained to fill a couple of boats, but the backers of the rowing game are working quietly and 1909 is sure to see the orange and black making a fight against all comers on the water.

### MORGAN STILL LOYAL.

Believes That American Athletes are Inferior to English.

In regard to the scheduled sprints at the Olympic games in London in 1898, John Morgan, an old English sport, of this city, says that the Yankees will find it a hard matter to win any of the short distance contests, of those under the mile, from their English cousins. He says that there were no fast English representatives at the last Olympic games at Athens, as the ruling amateur body in England announced beforehand that any contestant who accepted money would be barred from all amateur sport, and this ruling kept the best men at home, and only the rich could attend the games, as they were the only ones who could pay their expenses. The greatest athletes in England do not come from the universities as many suppose, but come from different parts of the country, and the champions, in a majority of

cases, come from the working classes, such as miners, mechanics, clerks, engineers, etc.

In the Olympic games to be held in Great Britain the coming season, the American athletes will, for the first time in international contests, be pitted against the full strength of the British product. The probability is that, owing to the higher systematic training here, the Americans will just pull through, but they will have to strain every nerve to do it. There is no finer sprinter than J. W. Morton, of the London Athletic club, who defeated Duffy ten times out of thirteen events about two years ago. He has covered the 100 yards in 9 4-5 seconds on three different occasions on the English turf, which is much slower than the American tracks to run upon.

### RUSH JOB.

Lucky Baldwin Will Build Racing Plant in Ninety Days.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—H. A. Unruh, one of the village trustees at Arcadia, and who attends to the business affairs of Lucky Baldwin, has left for Tahoe to receive final instructions regarding the work of building the race track on the Baldwin park site. Meanwhile, teams are being secured as fast as possible and quartered on the grounds, ready to begin work as soon as a sufficient number of men and teams can be had and quarters are furnished for them. The work is expected to begin before the end of the week and will be pushed to early completion. The track work is not the most important detail for attention just now, as the task of building a temporary grand stand, stables and other buildings that will be required for holding a winter's meeting is a big one and time is so limited that there will be no delay in any regard.

Building a racing plant in ninety days is a big undertaking, but those who are behind the movement say that everything will be ready for opening the winter meeting Thanksgiving day, as usual. Temporary buildings, of course, will be erected, to be replaced next spring by permanent buildings. Money and men can accomplish great deeds in ninety days, and if George Rose and his associates have decided to join with Baldwin in building the plant, as reported, there will be no lack of either. Rose is expected to arrive in Los Angeles within a fortnight and Baldwin will arrive from Tahoe by that time.

### GANS' BAD EYE.

May Be the Cause of His Great Gameness.

ALAMEDA, Sept. 14.—Did you ever notice Joe Gans' bad eye? No, there is not a cross in it. But there is a lurid smug around the pupil.

It gives Gans a ghastly appearance, especially in the heat of battle. Gans got that lamp when Frank Erne whipped a right to the eye, in the twelfth round of their first fight March 23, 1900.

Since that night the optic has become historical. It made Gans the greatest fighter in the lightweight class, if not in the world.

Otto Keefe, who prepares the chocolate demon for his battles, declares the eye troubles his charge, although the latter will not admit it. But the eye gave Gans the most wonderful left hand known in pugdom. His efforts to protect the lamp developed his left until it is the terror of all who face the negro.

I watched Gans box Anto Legrave, a strapping amateur. "There, you see now what I mean about Gans favoring that eye," shouted Keefe to me as Gans blocked a counter for his head, but in doing so left his body unprotected and took a heavy punch near the solar plexus.

Gans smiled, but I noticed several times during the time the pair were boxing that, master boxer that he is, Gans left body openings in his desire to keep his optic away from Legrave's gloves.

"But," Keefe continued, "Gans does not take such chances in a fight. He does not mix it, but holds his man at long range with that awful left. It would be dangerous to let an opponent get inside.

"If Erne had not walloped Gans on the eye he might not be the fighter he is today and I believe it was that punch which made Gans lightweight champion of the world. It made him develop his left until it is now the arm that takes the pork chops back to Baltimore."

WRENN BACKS SQUIRES AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Following the return of Bill Squires to this city and the starting of his training at Shannon's quarters, near San Rafael, word has been received by cable from Australia that Bookmaker Jack Wrenn will again back him to

the extent of \$5000 in another match. Squires seems to have profited by his stay in the lumber camps and returned here tanned and sturdy looking. He announces that if he can secure another match he will challenge Burns once more. Both Kaufman and Schreck have also announced their intention of going after Tommy. Jim Flynn of Pueblo is also after Burns.

### LONG DISTANCE RUNNER RETURNS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Peter Golden, an old-time long-distance runner, has just returned from Canada. While there he tried to persuade Longboat to join the professional ranks and to join the six-day race at Wonderland park, Revere Beach, Massachusetts. The race will be on the go-as-you-please order and will be contested four hours of every evening during the week. The result as regards Longboat is unknown. Before leaving Golden persuaded Billy Davis of Ontario, an Indian runner, and Longboat is one of his proteges. Alfred Shrubbs, the English runner was asked to enter, but demanded a \$500 guarantee of Golden, who refused to comply, but offered to bet Shrubbs \$500 that he would not win the race if he entered. Golden says he has a man in mind who would beat Shrubbs handily in a race of this character. Among those that are expected to enter are: Pat Deneen of South Boston, Pat Cavanaugh of Trenton, Peter Hegelman of New York, Gus Guerrero of Mexico, Billy Davis of Hamilton, Ontario, Dan Herty of Revere, Massachusetts, and Bob Hallen.

### JOCKEY DUGAN WINS FORTUNE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—With more than \$10,000 tucked away in his jeans, little Eddie Dugan will be happy when he starts West at the close of the Eastern racing season to spend the winter at the California tracks. Jockey Dugan has won all this money in fees and presents during the short Eastern campaign, and the greater portion of it will be used to purchase a home for his mother in Oakland, Cal.

Willie Dugan, the elder brother, who has also done well on the metropolitan tracks, will quit the piskin for the rather more serious duties of trying to train winners in purse and, possibly, stake events. With his money earned as a jockey he will purchase several horses and train them himself. Willie is getting to be a big boy now, and finds it difficult to make the weight. The change to the work of training is that made by several successful jockeys.

### ASCOT PARK MAY CLOSE.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—It is said on best authority that there will be no racing the coming winter at Ascot park. Manager J. W. Brooks says that no preparations have as yet been made for a meeting, and that he does not expect to see any racing. The talk of constructing a new track at Arcadia is looked upon as an idle dream in this locality. It takes a big bunch of money to equip a first-class racing plant and nobody has loomed up who has signified any willingness to sink a fortune in such a venture.

### GRAND PRIX FOR NEXT YEAR.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Subject to confirmation by the committee of the Automobile club of France, the Grand Prix next year will be run between June 20 and July 5. The regulations will be those adopted at the international conference at Ostend, viz: a maximum cylinder bore of 155 millimetres and a minimum weight of 1100 kilos, such weights being without passengers, petrol, water or spare parts, but with lubricating oil.

### BIG PRIZES FOR HORSES.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 14.—The Gentlemen's Driving club has hung up \$10,500 for its five-day meeting, October 21 to 25, and announces its list of entries for the stake events, all of which filled exceptionally well, fourteen paid up entrants being the smallest of the four stake races.

### WHO SO BRAVE.

"Oh, George," sighed the romantic girl, "I wish you were like the old-time knights; I wish you'd do something brave to show your love for me."

"What?" cried her fiancé, "haven't I agreed to marry you and me only getting \$18 a week.—Philadelphia Press.

### NO SINGULAR.

"Funny," said Baretop, "but there was a time when the barbers used to speak of my hair."

"You mean before you began to get bald?" asked his friend.

"Yes. Now they speak of my hairs."—Philadelphia Press.